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DID YOU NOTICE the very small hint in the box to the right? Yes, please bring your ashtrays to the meeting! Parky, K6IMV was one of the last ones to leave the place after last month's meeting, and he had this to say, "I do thank everyone for their dues, and I can always get my cigarettes from the club treasury! I don't have to go around after the meeting and collect all the old butts!" So, fellows, please, PLEASE, bring the ashtrays, old beer cans, or if you have to, put the ashes in your shoes, but LET'S BE NEAT!.....

RETRACTION:

Yep, THE CARRIER made a boo-boo in one of the past issues of the paper, by stating that Miles Slape, W6QEN, is the proud owner of a Collins rig! Nope it isn't a Collins, but a Halicrafter! Miles has been receiving all kinds of strange inquiries regarding his rig, and finally deduced that THE CARRIER had put the membership on the wrong track! Sorry, Miles!

TVI, anyone?

There is an article in QST, June 1954, page 21 on 50 MC TVI which should be read by everyone operating on 6 meters. Fred Caudel, W6DEX, suggested that we let you know where to find this interesting article. If you have 6 meter TVI (or any other), let's see if you can work it out and correct it!

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH: (s)

April 18 - Reg. MDARC Club Meeting
April 28 - Transmitter Hunt - 2 Meters
May 13 - MDARC Board meeting at K6AQ's
May 16 - MDARC Club Meeting
May 19 - Transmitter Hunt - 2 Meters
June 1 - San Mateo Hamfest, Coyote Point
June 4 - CCRC Meeting
JUNE 7 & 8 - PAC. DIV. CONVENTION

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club will be held this Friday, April 18, at the East Contra Costa Junior College. Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 PM. Plan to attend and see what's new! MEETING PROGRAM is outlined on Page 2 of this issue. Hope to see you all there! (BRING YOUR ASHTRAY, THOUGH)

MANY THANKS to the great response to my March letter in THE CARRIER, regarding old copies of this paper. So far, we have complete volume on issues in 1956 & 1957, plus, of course so far in 1958! But we still need some fills, as 1953, 1954 and 1955 are still incomplete! However,

this month we received some old papers from Harold Mumford, W6FAR, and Fred Reibin, W6PEL. Also, as an added feature, Lyle Gardenhire, W6RUZ, brought in two very old issues of the Amateur Radio Handbook. One dates back to 1927 and the other to 1931! We are hoping that our endeavors to fill a complete library for the club will eventually be of some use to the membership. At the present time, the library consists of a few old QST's, (we'll take those, too), handbooks, and THE CARRIER. So, if you have any of the above to offer, please call any time. Parky, K6IMV, has some old issues of THE CARRIER, but he doesn't want to part with them, so we have agreed to reproduce them for the library, and return the originals to him and this arrangement can be made for anyone who wishes to keep his or her copies! Many thanks again, and will be hoping to hear from more of you! Ed

WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS?

Have you heard about the Camelia Capitot Chirps? This is an active group of YL's who have started a club located in Sacramento. It seems that if you work 6 of them, you are eligible for a CCC Certificate! The "Three Cs" are the most active YL group, locally, on the air. Congrats to you girls!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING PROGRAM.....

LAST MONTH'S MEETING, held March 21, our guest speaker, Dom Lucido, W6IDY, 100 Morello Avenue, Martinez, gave us a very enlightening talk on TVI. And as you know, we have been concentrating on this subject more so lately since the Channel 2 transmitters have gone on the air!

THIS MONTH, April 18, Dom returns to enhance on the subject of TVI, with some equipment and various demonstrations possibly, of TVI and how to clear it up. Question period will take place after the talk, so you can get all the latest scoop on your particular problem! Come to the meeting, and see if it will give you some new ideas!

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE promises to carry a complete frequency list, of the ones allocated for amateur uses and what can be done with each. This is for your general information, and can be removed from THE CARRIER, for easy application to your bulletin board!

K6ILH, Blackie, sent the Honolulu Amateur Radio Club News to THE CARRIER this month, which included a long and interesting article on SSB and also had a detailed "Hint & Kinks" section. It is quite a good paper, and we hope to exchange with them soon. Also, we are hoping to be able to reprint some of these interesting articles in the coming issues of THE CARRIER. Thanks, Blackie, for sending this to us.....

TWO AND SIX METER BOYS: (angirls)

Hey, EAST BAY SECTION V. H. F. PARTY!! Yep, coming up May 31 to June 2, 1958, will be the East Bay VHF Party, which means that only operators in the East Bay will count their contacts during this period, and be able to compete with other East Bay stations for the top score. Any station worked will count for EB, so plan to get on the air during this period, and let's have a good showing of points from the boys in this area. Full details on scoring and point system are available from W6LGW, Pete Peterson, Alamo, VE7-2872. Call now.....AWARDS GIVEN!.....

JULY 7 & 8 - ARRL PACIFIC DIV. CONV.

BOARD MEETING: The monthly meeting of the Board of MDARC was held at the home of W6BEP, C. C. Applegate, Alamo, April 8, 1958. Seems that this date is Charlie's birthday, and so, natch, our refreshments were in birthday motif! Mrs. Applegate served ice-cream and cake, and hot coffee; the cake was brought in with only 6 candles on it, though, and we are positive a slight error was made someplace! Anyway, the meeting was called to order about 8:30 and those present were: W6DEX, K6AQ, K6IMV, W6OHR, W6BEP, W6PIR, K6KRF, W6EFI, K6LVH, and W6LGW, late. W6DEX, Fred Caudel, discussed with the board the problem of the club mailing address. It was decided that MDARC's official address be 215 "H" Street, Martinez, Calif., as Fred is the holder of the club call, W6CX, and already receives much mail directed to the club.

This subject having been brought up about the club call, brought up considerable discussion. Fred is our custodian for the club license, W6CX, however, after each Field Day, Fred doesn't receive the license back in his possession until almost the next Field Day rolls around. He said that he doesn't mind being responsible for it as long as it is in his hands, so this year, someone will be designated to see that Fred gets the license back right away following Field Day.

This came about through a motion made by Parky, K6IMV, which was that the club license be left with W6DEX for the time being, and dispense with the thoughts for a club station unless a more suitable mode of operation becomes apparent.

FIELD DAY discussed at length again. Bud Mc Daniel, W6KTF, who was originally selected to act as chairman, asked to decline as pressure of other activity prevents him from efficiently handling the appointment. This leaves it wide open, boys, so if you are interested in being the BIG CHEESE on Field Day, don't hesitate to call Pete, W6LGW and let him know. The prerequisites of the position are that you be able to take full charge, appoint committee helpers, and be sure that things get done by your committees! Let's hear from you, as "Time's a wastin'!" Meeting adjourned at about 11:00 PM...

East Bay S. C. M.: Activity Reports!
Bill Southwell, K6OJW, Dixon, Calif.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

"Dear Ed:-

Ken Jacoby, K6JAV, and myself recently took a trip to Vade, Calif., located 14 miles south of Lake Tahoe on Highway 50. We went along with the Methodist Youth Fellowship Church group of teen-agers on March 8 and 9. We had a Gonset Communicator in Ken's car and thanks to W6CGS, (Jim Hilliard), we had a communicator in our car. We left at 6:00 AM that cold Saturday morning, and proceeded to Sacramento via hwy 40. The Jacoby's and us got separated in Sacramento, but we found each other again, thanks to the one-eyed monsters. We worked each other all the way up and that night we gave Bob, W6HOF, a call, using Jim's 3 element beam... Great gobs of silence on two meters, however. We left Sunday afternoon, with no skiing casualties, thank goodness. We had a ball.

Steve Boyd
K6JAY

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NET NEWS:

From "Beat Notes" edited by W6QMO, is the following information:

The NCN 80 meter CW Net and 6 meter Phone Division will get together at a dinner, Sunday evening, April 27, at 6:00-7:00 PM, at the Cock O' the Walk, Restaurant, Coit-Ramsey Hotel, 1437 Harrison Street, Cor. 15th, Oakland, California. The price is \$3.00 per person - which includes tax and tip. Full course roast beef dinner - home made pies. Many prizes: A Chrome deluxe vibroplex bug- Merchandise orders and others. Ladies prizes galore, with corsages, 10 pound ham and many novelty souvenirs.

The reason this notice is hereby posted is so that ANYONE interested to go to this dinner is to call Mary E. Lorenz, W6PIR, VE 7-2872, and she will forward your reservations to W6QMO, Jeri Bey. Please let us know by April 20 if you will attend, and how many in your party and how many ladies. Nets and traffic are a going thing right now, and your interest is very much appreciated. If you go, you will be sure to meet many of your pals at this dinner, and help to make it a bigger affair! W6PIR plans to attend, so if you need transportation, please call. Thanks for your interest.

PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION HEADLINES

From "Skip" the Fresno Amateur Radio Club newspaper, comes the following information:

"We expect to have several well known guests (at the convention) and speakers including Harry Engwicht, W6HC, PD Dir. and George Hart, W1NJM, National Emergency Coordinator. Pre-registration forms and hotel reservation blanks will be mailed about the first of May, along with more details about the program... Registration fee is \$7.75 which will include the grand banquet.

Some activities planned:

Open forum discussion; Wouff Hong Initiation; entertainment; prizes; commercial displays; SSB group discussion; RTTY group discussion; Traffic group; VHF group; Mobile judging; hidden xmtr hunts; Ladies luncheon; Mobile Breakfast. There will also be various "booths" set up - one for traffic including all methods of communications from CW to Phone; RTTY and others.

We will be expecting lots more news on this next month from "Skip" and will pass it along right away....

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Martinez 2928-R (phone)

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Emergency Coordinator's Station Report for the activity of the local hams in the recent flood emergency, is as follows:

A state of emergency was declared on the morning of April 2, 1958, in East Contra Costa County, due to the heavy rainfall, and rising water as a result. The following stations participated: K6's-AXV, AQ, IMV, IRB, PIL, KYT, KRF, POU, OGU, JAY, RPY, TPO, ZPB, ZWJ, JAV, W6's-LKE, HOF, OHR, KLM, DEX, PIR, LGW, AIL, FAR, QEN, IHR, RVC, EFI, KTF, CGS, FKX, and Wn6UPK.

(If your call does not appear on this list, and you were active or checked in for standby, please call your EC, immediately so that this report may be amended when the EC writes to the SCM or the SEC. Vernon 7-2872 - Alamo...)

The following stations acted as net controls at W6AIL, at the Communications Center, Martinez:

K6KRF, W6QEN, K6ZPB, K6IMV, K6IRB, K6ILH, K6AQ, W6OHR

The following stations participated from the County Garage, Martinez:

W6QEN, W6DEX, K6KYT.

K6OCF-Richmond was available for duty, but he was not contacted.

The following stations were scheduled to appear at Communications Headquarters at 4:00 AM to relieve the other operators; however they were not called as the emergency was declared over at about 3:00 AM. - W6LKE, K6PIL.

A second standby was called for by Col. Holmes, Civil Defense Director, for April 5, and approximately the same stations participated in the standby. However, conditions were not so fierce as were a few days earlier, and the emergency was declared over at about 11:00 PM.

W6OHR made a special trip out to a local firm to pick up about 200 bags for sand to be taken to San Ramon, to another firm which was asking for sandbags, and the county truck was temporarily bogged down.

K6JAV, W6OHR, and W6KLM, were mobile in the emergency, reporting to headquarters any sightings of high water that was not posted, or any other information they may have had.

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The general feeling was that more of the fellows could have been used to greater advantage, but it takes an emergency such as the one just experienced to show up weak points in any organization. This can be discussed at the Board Meeting or the club meeting. We hope that we haven't omitted anyone who was participating in this action. As there is always some confusion at a time like this, and your EC offers his apologies if this should happen. However, if it has, please notify the EC at once.

Your EC also wishes to thank everyone for his fine cooperation..... Everyone was willing to do what was asked of him and no excuses were used instead of action. Many thanks to all. EC....

FLOOD REPORTS RECEIVED:

Harry Cameron, W6RVC, was flooded as the creek overflowed its banks. Much of Harry's radio gear was water-cooled and mud insulated that day.

Maxine, Harry's XYL, moved their house trailer out all by herself, away from the house. Except for a minor detail, like being hitched up incorrectly, she started out. The trailer then came off the car. Frantically she tried to get things in order. And pretty soon an officer of the law came along and asked her where she was going. She told him that she was trying to get the house trailer up to high ground away from "that house back there with the water all around it." The policeman asked her if she was just going to go off and leave the house, and her reply was, "Well, I can't hook it on the car!" With the officer's assistance, she was on her way again shortly, and that night the Cameron's slept high & dry, while Walnut Creek went through their home.

Harold Mumford, W6FAR, called in on the net to say that he had a boat on hand if it was needed. However, it was not called for.

(This space was saved for rainy day, but since the lovely weather for the past week, might as well use it up.) Let's hope for a real fine weekend for the Convention - and from now on. The flood reports are not happy ones, and we hope that a happy summer will help make up somewhat.....

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That's 30's for this month - See you in May!

W6PIR, Ed.-

FLASH - LATE BULLETIN - RECEIVED Saturday 4/12/58-----

KENNALEXANDERSON, K6RPY (tech), has just received notification from the FCC that he has passed his General Exam, and now is ready to go on the lower bands! His license arrived in the Saturday morning mail, and is he excited! Very good, Kenn, and Congratulations! Kenn told us that he is now thinking of getting a rig on the air, and he's seriously thinking about a Johnson Viking. Let us know, Kenn, what you decide upon!

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